

# Farm structure in Hungary – 2005

75% of the agricultural land is cultivated by  
holdings of more than 50 ha

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In December 2005 in Hungary, about 155.4 thousand\* agricultural holdings had an economic size of at least 1 European Size Unit (ESU).

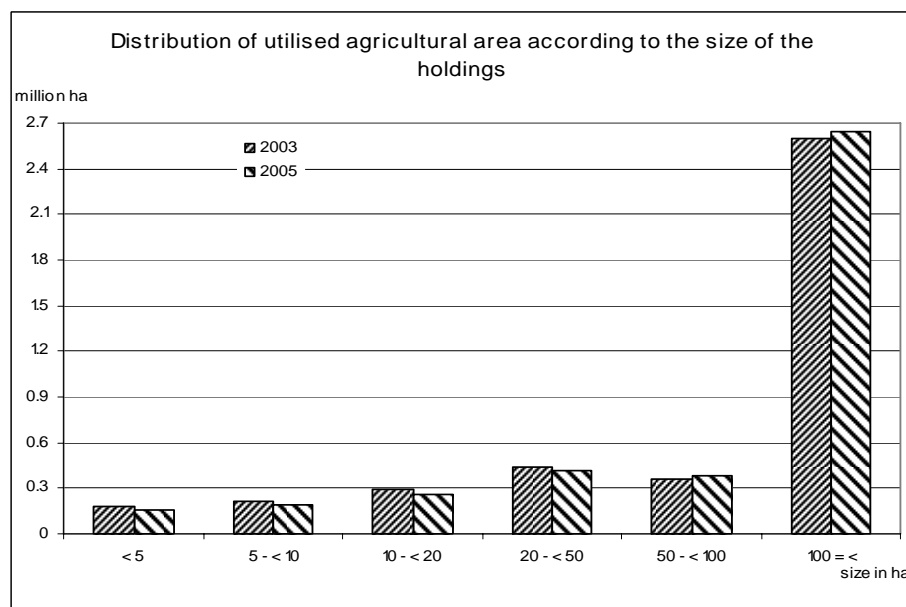
- These holdings employed 229.4 thousand AWUs (annual work units), the equivalent of 229.4 thousand persons working full time;
- they made use of about 4 million ha of agricultural area, which is on average 26 ha per holding (compared to 25.3 ha in 2003).

Among these 155.4 thousand agricultural holdings

- 57% made use of less than one AWU, while 13% made use of 2 or more AWUs;
- 54% used less than 5 ha agricultural area, while 7% used 50 ha or more;
- 25% were holdings of the type specialist cereals, oil seed and protein crops, 15% mixed cropping, 12% were producing various crops and livestock, 9% were of the type general field cropping and 7% specialised in vineyards;
- 51% of their agricultural area was situated in less favoured or mountain areas;
- 55% were producing mainly for their own consumption;
- 8% benefited from direct investment aid.

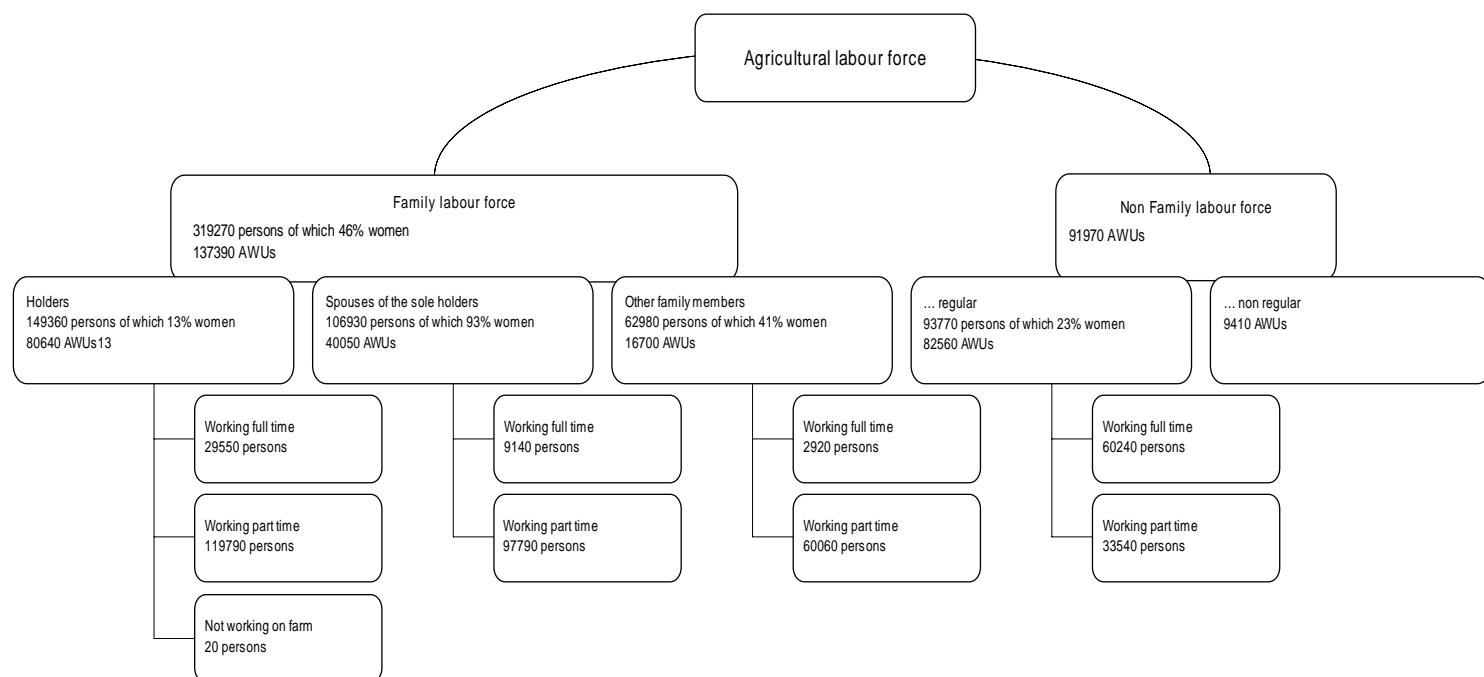
Among the 149.4 thousand sole holders

- 13% were women;
- 45% were aged 55 or more, and only 8% were younger than 35 years;
- 37% had another gainful activity as their major occupation.



\* Due to differences in the threshold across Member States, the total number of farms is not comparable between countries. This is why the present analysis, including Tables 1-4 and the graphs focus on holdings of at least one ESU. See methodological notes for more information on the concept of the ESU.

## Hungary 2005 – Holdings of at least 1 ESU



### Family labour force



### Tractor use by utilised agricultural area categories

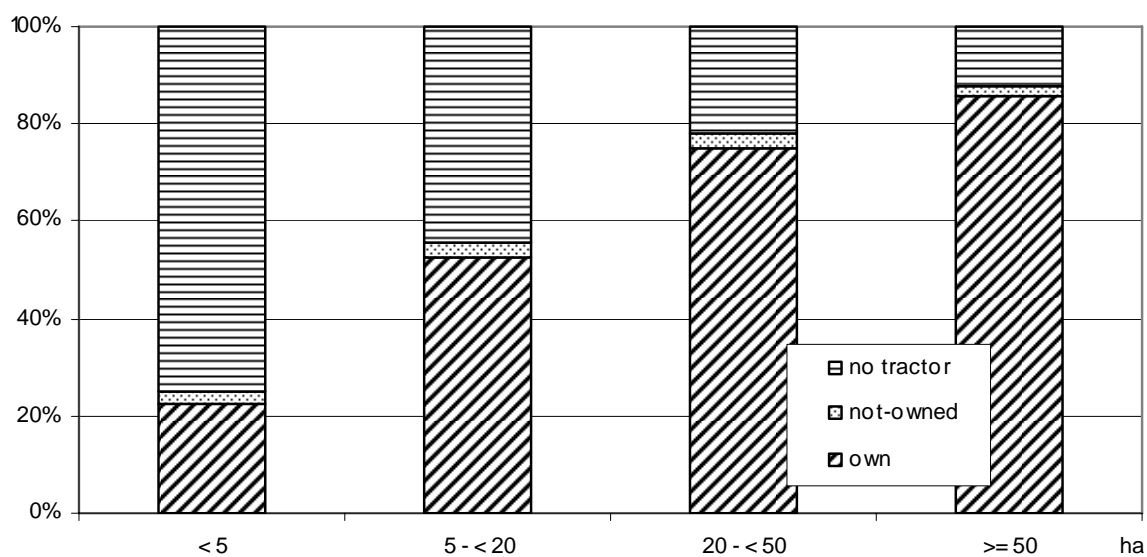


Table 1 – Labour force by size of the farms

Size of the farms	Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LU*)			
	< 5	5 - < 20	20 - < 50	50 =>		0	0 < - < 5	5 - < 50	50 =>
Total labour force									
1000 annual work units	78.9	48.3	20.0	82.1	229.4	64.9	68.3	41.3	54.9
Family labour force									
1000 persons	176.1	94.6	28.7	19.9	319.3	85.1	162.7	67.2	4.2
1000 annual work units	67.9	42.7	15.0	11.8	137.4	31.9	65.2	37.3	3.0
Non-family labour regularly employed									
1000 persons	10.9	4.2	4.1	74.7	93.8	31.4	1.6	3.9	56.9
1000 annual work units	9.1	3.3	3.5	66.6	82.6	27.3	1.4	3.4	50.5
Non regular non family labour force									
1000 annual work units	1.9	2.3	1.5	3.7	9.4	5.7	1.7	0.7	1.4
Holding managers (1000)	83.8	46.1	13.8	11.6	155.4	46.1	75.2	30.9	3.2
- women (%)	15.5	12.5	10.6	8.8	13.7	15.3	14.2	10.1	10.8
- part-time - under 50 % (%)	57.5	46.4	31.8	16.0	48.8	56.4	54.5	27.6	8.4
- 50 % and over (%)	29.1	31.3	31.8	23.9	29.6	24.0	31.4	35.3	12.5
- with a basic agricultural training only (%)	8.3	11.6	13.3	12.1	10.0	8.6	10.4	11.5	7.2
- with a full agricultural training (%)	13.2	20.5	38.2	61.9	21.3	33.3	13.7	16.9	69.0
Sole/main holders (1000)	82.7	45.2	13.1	8.4	149.4	42.0	75.1	30.5	1.7
- women (%)	15.2	12.3	9.8	7.3	13.4	15.3	14.0	9.4	9.6
- distribution by age (%)									
- under 35 years	7.3	7.3	9.3	10.2	7.6	11.6	5.0	8.4	13.0
- from 35 to 44 years	16.5	16.2	17.7	21.3	16.8	21.8	13.6	17.3	21.2
- from 45 to 54 years	28.7	30.1	35.1	37.6	30.2	33.1	28.1	31.0	34.5
- from 55 to 64 years	26.0	26.5	24.2	22.9	25.8	22.2	27.8	26.0	24.1
- 65 years and over	21.5	19.9	13.8	8.0	19.6	11.3	25.4	17.4	7.3
- part-time - under 50 % (%)	58.2	47.3	33.7	22.3	50.7	61.9	54.6	28.0	15.6
- 50 % and over (%)	29.5	31.9	33.7	33.3	30.8	26.4	31.4	35.8	23.1
- with another gainful activity <sup>1</sup> (%)	38.6	37.6	35.5	29.2	37.5	47.8	34.2	32.4	22.9
- as main occupation	37.3	36.5	33.8	26.8	36.2	46.0	33.2	30.7	21.7
- as a subsidiary occupation	1.3	1.1	1.6	2.4	1.3	1.7	1.0	1.6	1.2
Spouse of sole holder working on the holding (1000)	60.8	31.7	8.8	5.7	106.9	26.7	56.2	22.7	1.3
- women (%)	93.0	93.4	93.3	93.0	93.1	91.5	93.7	94.0	89.1
- distribution by age (%)									
- under 35 years	9.9	9.1	10.5	10.8	9.8	14.7	7.1	10.5	11.7
- from 35 to 54 years	53.1	54.3	60.9	67.0	54.8	63.4	50.2	55.6	66.6
- 55 years and over	37.0	36.6	28.6	22.2	35.4	21.9	42.7	33.8	21.9
- part-time - under 50 % (%)	75.1	69.5	65.5	57.1	71.7	78.0	74.9	58.5	31.4
- 50 % and over (%)	18.8	20.4	20.0	25.9	19.8	14.8	19.1	26.6	30.0
- with another gainful activity (%)	39.5	37.5	41.0	38.9	39.0	52.0	36.3	31.1	24.2
Other members of the holder's family working on the holding (1000)	32.6	17.7	6.8	5.9	63.0	16.5	31.4	13.9	1.2
- women (%)	44.1	39.1	35.6	35.1	41.0	42.2	42.4	36.8	36.9
- part-time - under 50 % (%)	89.2	81.9	73.6	71.4	83.8	87.9	87.3	73.2	58.8
- 50 % and over (%)	8.5	12.6	18.5	17.6	11.6	8.3	9.8	18.7	17.9
- with another gainful activity (%)	39.6	38.4	32.0	27.4	37.3	34.8	40.2	35.4	19.2

Symbols : not available 0 less than half of the unit or nil

\* LU = Livestock Unit

<sup>1</sup> Refers only to holders who are also farm managers.

Size of the farms	Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LU)			
	< 5	5 - < 20	20 - < 50	50 = <		0	0 < - < 5	5 - < 50	50 = <
Holdings									
- total number (1000)	83.8	46.1	13.8	11.6	155.4	46.1	75.2	30.9	3.2
- by legal personality of the holder (%)									
- sole holder	98.7	98.1	94.4	71.9	96.1	91.1	99.9	98.7	54.0
- legal person	1.3	1.9	5.6	28.1	3.9	8.9	0.1	1.3	46.0
- group holders	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
- by employed labour force (%)									
- under 1 AWU	65.9	55.5	40.3	18.5	57.0	63.6	63.6	36.2	6.3
- from 1 to less than 2 AWU	26.8	32.4	38.8	36.7	30.3	22.7	29.0	45.5	23.0
- from 2 to less than 3 AWU	5.8	9.7	14.3	17.8	8.6	7.1	6.3	15.2	20.2
- 3 AWU and over	1.5	2.4	6.6	27.0	4.1	6.6	1.1	3.1	50.6
- by economic size (%)									
- from 1 to less than 8 ESU	96.5	88.5	48.7	3.0	82.9	74.5	91.9	81.5	1.9
- from 8 to less than 16 ESU	2.0	8.7	38.0	18.6	8.4	11.3	5.0	12.1	14.6
- from 16 to less than 40 ESU	0.8	2.5	11.0	43.0	5.4	8.1	2.7	5.4	29.2
- from 40 to less than 100 ESU	0.4	0.2	2.0	21.1	2.0	4.0	0.4	0.8	23.4
- 100 ESU and over	0.3	0.1	0.3	14.3	1.3	2.1	0.0	0.1	30.9
- by farm type (%)									
- specialist cereals, oil seed and protein crops	6.6	39.2	54.7	61.7	24.7	32.9	25.9	11.4	6.1
- mixed cropping	14.4	18.4	11.3	6.3	14.7	6.3	20.8	13.5	3.0
- various crops and livestock combined	16.9	7.4	2.8	2.3	11.7	5.9	14.1	15.1	7.1
- general field cropping	7.4	11.4	10.3	9.4	9.0	11.2	9.3	5.5	3.6
- specialist vineyard	10.7	4.3	1.8	0.9	7.3	16.0	5.2	0.1	0.3
- other types of farming	43.9	19.5	19.2	19.5	32.6	27.7	24.6	54.4	80.0
- by farming methods (%)									
- organic farming	0.1	0.3	0.7	2.0	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	2.5
- irrigating	5.8	5.3	3.7	5.4	5.4	8.2	5.1	2.2	3.8
- with fixed irrigation equipment	3.5	2.9	1.9	2.7	3.1	4.5	3.1	1.2	2.5
- with crops under glass	9.5	3.5	2.2	0.9	6.4	10.6	6.1	1.5	0.9
- benefiting of direct investment aids	4.0	8.8	14.0	29.0	8.2	10.6	5.9	8.2	27.1
- using a tractor (%)	24.9	55.4	77.9	87.6	43.4	43.0	39.4	50.3	74.0
- with their own tractor	22.2	52.8	75.2	85.6	40.8	39.9	36.8	48.2	72.9
- using a combine harvester (%)	4.4	11.3	22.8	48.1	11.3	11.7	9.7	12.8	30.7
- with another gainful activity than agricultural production (%)	11.7	12.6	17.4	22.5	13.3	15.5	9.8	16.5	31.3
- tourism	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.4	1.5
- handicraft	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3
- processing of farm products	7.9	8.0	8.9	7.7	8.0	7.5	6.4	12.0	14.3
- wood processing	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.7
- aquaculture	0.0	0.1	0.5	1.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	1.1
- renewable energy production	4.4	4.9	9.1	16.2	5.8	8.7	3.7	5.1	21.9
- contractual work	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
- other gainful activities n.a.e.	0.5	0.3	0.9	3.4	0.7	1.5	0.2	0.3	4.6

Symbols : not available 0 less than half of the unit or nil

Size of the farm	Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LU)			
	< 5	5 - < 20	20 - < 50	50 = <		0	0 < - < 5	5 - < 50	50 = <
Area (1000 ha)									
Total area of agricultural holdings	205.8	493.1	461.3	4318.2	5478.4	2353.9	1056.9	681.7	1385.8
Other area	45.4	49.4	45.4	1292.8	1433.0	704.4	395.7	175.6	157.4
Wooded area	19.4	33.1	30.1	1044.3	1126.8	559.4	346.2	155.1	66.2
Agricultural area	160.3	443.7	415.9	3025.4	4045.3	1649.5	661.2	506.1	1228.4
Arable land	117.1	367.0	344.2	2617.2	3445.5	1498.4	582.6	389.4	975.1
Cereals	84.8	264.3	243.1	1679.0	2271.1	987.0	416.2	274.7	593.3
<i>Common wheat and spelt</i>	16.3	76.6	85.9	745.2	924.0	440.7	141.2	87.3	254.8
<i>Durum wheat</i>	0.0	0.3	0.2	9.5	10.0	5.1	1.0	1.0	2.8
<i>Rye</i>	2.0	7.5	5.2	17.9	32.6	11.3	7.5	6.5	7.2
<i>Barley</i>	6.7	24.8	20.0	175.5	226.9	90.6	35.3	31.8	69.2
<i>Oats</i>	2.2	9.3	9.3	24.6	45.3	13.0	10.2	12.7	9.5
<i>Grain maize</i>	46.5	116.7	102.5	626.0	891.7	382.5	182.1	108.9	218.2
Dried pulses	0.2	0.8	1.0	12.8	14.8	5.9	0.9	1.0	6.9
Root crops	4.4	6.8	4.7	54.4	70.2	34.8	7.9	3.4	24.1
<i>Potatoes</i>	3.7	5.1	2.1	3.9	14.8	6.8	4.9	2.3	0.8
<i>Sugar beet</i>	0.5	1.4	2.6	50.2	54.6	27.8	2.6	1.0	23.3
<i>Fodder root</i>	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0
Industrial crops	8.5	45.4	57.9	521.8	633.6	337.2	103.6	52.7	140.1
<i>Tobacco</i>	0.5	1.0	1.0	2.4	4.9	3.6	1.0	0.3	0.1
<i>Hops</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Cotton</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Rape and turnip</i>	0.1	2.1	4.6	98.3	105.1	59.4	11.4	4.5	29.8
<i>Sunflower</i>	5.9	36.4	44.2	373.7	460.2	239.3	82.6	41.9	96.5
<i>Soya</i>	0.2	1.6	3.1	29.4	34.4	18.6	2.5	2.7	10.5
Fresh vegetables, melons, strawberry	8.6	11.5	5.6	32.2	57.9	35.3	11.1	2.9	8.5
<i>outside</i>	7.6	11.2	5.5	32.1	56.4	34.5	10.5	2.9	8.5
<i>under glass</i>	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.5	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.1
Flower and ornamental plants	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.1	1.3	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
<i>outside</i>	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.0	1.0	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.0
<i>under glass</i>	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0
Forage plants	5.2	21.0	17.4	215.6	259.2	35.1	18.3	38.8	167.1
Fallow land	4.8	16.3	13.3	92.6	126.9	57.7	23.8	14.3	31.1
Kitchen garden	2.9	1.4	0.3	0.2	4.7	0.7	3.0	1.0	0.0
Permanent pasture and meadows	5.6	38.0	48.1	362.8	454.6	59.1	40.0	109.7	245.8
Permanent crops	34.8	37.3	23.2	45.3	140.5	91.4	35.6	6.1	7.5
Fruit and berry plantation	14.6	19.6	14.5	27.6	76.2	48.7	20.2	3.4	3.8
Citrus plantation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Olive trees	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vineyard	18.7	16.4	7.7	11.9	54.7	36.2	14.6	2.1	1.9
Ratios									
Agricultural area per holding (ha)	1.9	9.6	30.1	260.1	26.0	35.8	8.8	16.4	385.6
Agricultural area... (%)									
... own farmed	92.8	85.0	74.3	23.6	38.3	33.6	76.8	67.3	12.0
... in less favoured or mountain area	28.9	33.2	37.5	56.3	50.8	47.2	37.1	47.7	64.2
... organic farmed	0.1	0.1	0.4	2.0	1.6	1.0	0.2	0.6	3.5
... irrigated	2.7	1.6	0.9	1.9	1.8	2.3	0.9	0.4	2.2

Symbols : not available

0 less than half of the unit or nil

Size of the farm		Agricultural area (ha)				All farms	Livestock (LU)		
		< 5	5 - < 20	20 - < 50	50 =<		0 < - < 5	5 - < 50	50 =<
Total livestock	(1000 LU)	734.1	220.0	151.7	998.6	2104.5	148.1	370.5	1585.9
of which grazing	(%)	9.9	36.4	37.9	47.6	32.6	15.3	50.3	30.1
Grazing livestock	(1000 heads)								
Equidae		15.4	13.4	5.6	10.6	44.9	9.6	25.8	9.5
Bovine animals		62.3	65.3	48.5	515.4	691.5	14.6	151.3	525.6
Under 1 year		23.6	22.1	15.5	127.0	188.2	5.3	51.4	131.5
From 1 to less than 2 years		8.2	11.0	9.8	108.1	137.0	1.8	27.4	107.7
Dairy cows		21.2	11.8	8.1	195.1	236.2	4.4	27.8	204.0
Other cows		7.4	17.9	13.7	52.3	91.3	2.6	39.6	49.1
Other bovine animals 2 years and older		1.9	2.5	1.4	32.9	38.7	0.4	5.1	33.3
Sheep		138.4	232.0	193.5	759.8	1323.6	32.0	591.0	700.6
Goats		23.4	13.2	3.2	10.0	49.8	15.7	29.9	4.2
Granivores									
Pigs	(1000 heads)	1016.3	331.5	287.2	1666.3	3301.3	294.1	498.6	2508.6
Piglets < 20 kg		215.0	72.6	63.0	425.1	775.7	62.3	111.5	601.8
Breeding sows		92.0	30.0	23.5	156.0	301.4	23.0	48.8	229.6
Other pigs		709.4	228.9	200.6	1085.2	2224.2	208.7	338.3	1677.2
Poultry	(million heads)	21.8	2.5	1.2	5.9	31.4	2.6	2.9	25.9
Broilers		7.7	0.2	0.4	1.5	9.8	0.0	0.5	9.2
Laying hens		5.1	1.0	0.4	2.2	8.7	1.8	1.2	5.7
Other poultry		9.0	1.3	0.4	2.2	12.9	0.8	1.1	11.0
Rabbits, breeding females	(1000 heads)	97.2	8.9	1.3	10.6	117.9	19.9	37.6	60.5
Beehives *	(1000)	528.8	41.6	23.0	10.1	603.4	246.0	10.8	1.5
Average size of herds**									
Equidae	(head/holding)	2.3	2.7	3.8	7.4	3.1	1.6	3.2	13.5
Cattle	(head/holding)	8.7	8.2	17.4	216.3	33.9	2.7	11.1	391.7
Dairy cows	(head/holding)	5.2	4.5	10.7	198.7	28.0	1.6	5.6	263.5
Other cows	(head/holding)	3.9	5.1	9.1	45.5	11.3	1.9	6.5	81.0
Sheep	(head/holding)	32.1	57.8	111.3	427.1	111.7	9.3	79.2	729.8
Goats	(head/holding)	5.7	7.8	5.6	23.0	7.3	4.5	9.7	18.9
Pigs	(head/holding)	22.1	12.9	45.3	429.4	40.2	5.3	19.6	1742.1
Breeding sows	(head/holding)	5.4	2.6	7.6	79.3	9.0	1.4	3.0	246.4
Other pigs > 20 kg	(head/holding)	16.0	9.4	33.4	292.6	28.4	4.0	13.9	1171.2
Rabbits, breeding females	(head/holding)	26.7	9.6	6.2	90.7	24.2	5.7	27.8	1119.5
Laying hens	(1000/holding)	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	6.9
Broilers	(1000/holding)	19.4	3.5	9.1	29.5	17.9	0.0	2.4	47.1
Beehives	(hive/holding)	93.7	69.1	107.3	75.2	91.5	78.0	45.5	65.5

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\* Bees are not taken into account when calculating Livestock Unit, there are 345.1 thousand hives on holdings with 0 LU.

\*\* Number of animals of a given livestock category per holding with this kind of animals.

		Absolute figures			% of total	
		Total	< 1 ESU	>= 1 ESU	< 1 ESU	>= 1 ESU
Regular labour force	(1000 persons)	1422.8	1009.8	413.0	71.0	29.0
Regular labour force	(1000 AWU)	452.0	232.0	219.9	51.3	48.7
Holders	(1000 persons)	706.9	557.5	149.4	78.9	21.1
... at least 65 years old		194.8	165.5	29.3	85.0	15.0
... having another gainful activity		272.4	216.9	55.5	79.6	20.4
Number of holdings	(1000)	714.8	559.4	155.4	78.3	21.7
... producing mainly for own consumption		596.8	511.3	85.4	85.7	14.3
... producing mainly for direct sales		115.7	66.7	48.9	57.7	42.3
... using a tractor		99.6	32.2	67.4	32.4	67.6
Standard Gross Margin (SGM)	(1000 ESU)	1912.6	184.7	1727.8	9.7	90.3
Agricultural area	(1000 ha)	4266.5	221.2	4045.3	5.2	94.8
... owned farmed		1759.9	209.7	1550.2	11.9	88.1
Livestock	(1000 LU)	2492.0	387.5	2104.5	15.6	84.4

Symbols : not available 0 less than half of the unit or nil

## ► METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The survey on the structure of agricultural holdings in Hungary was carried out between 14 and 28 November 2005 using a combined method (exhaustive and sample survey). The previous full-scale agricultural census was organised in 2000. The reference time of FSS 2005 was the year 2005, except for livestock (1 December 2005), machinery (31 December 2005) and farm labour force (12 months preceding).

The target population was all the agricultural legal entities (enterprises) and the private holdings reaching a certain physical threshold (similar to that of the census 2000). All these units are included in the regularly updated Farm Register. The agricultural enterprises were covered entirely. In the case of the private holdings the sample was drawn by a one-stage cluster method. The survey districts of the census 2000 were selected randomly (about 10%) and within these sampled districts a full scope observation has been carried out. To enhance the effectiveness of the sample a separated stratum for 'outliers' was created based on the size of land area and/or livestock prior the survey, and as they were outside the selected districts they were observed, as well. Altogether about 145 thousand units were selected.

For each activity ('enterprise') on a farm (for instance wheat, dairy cow or vineyard), a standard gross margin (SGM) is estimated, based on the area (or the number of heads) and a regional coefficient. The sum of such margins in a farm is its economic size, expressed in European Size Units (ESU). 1 ESU is equal to 1200 euros.

Each farm is classified in the community typology by its economic size and its type of farming, depending on the share of each enterprise in its economic size. For instance, a farm where breeding sows account for more than 2/3 of the economic size is classified as *specialist pig rearing* (type 5011). Depending on the level of aggregation, farms are grouped into 8 to 70 types.

Annual work unit (AWU) is equivalent to a worker employed on a full time basis for one year. In Hungary it is 1800 hours (225 working days of 8 working hours per day).

Livestock Unit (LU) is equivalent to a dairy cow. The number of animals (number of heads) is converted into LU using a set of coefficients reflecting the feed requirements of the different animal categories.

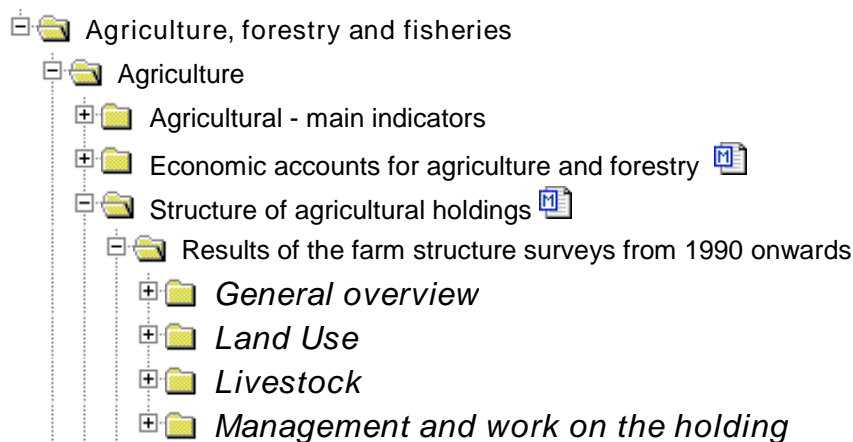
Subsistence farming refers here to all farms below 1 ESU economic size. Note that the number of farms cannot be compared between countries due to the differences in coverage of FSS.

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